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Predatory Sex Offender Arrested in Central America

Astoria, OR- Yesterday at 12:50 PM, William Carl Welsh, a 55 year old white male, was arrested by Belize Authorities in Belize, Central America at the request of the U.S. Marshals Oregon Fugitive Task Force (OFTF). Welsh was arrested at a local casino not far from the motel in which he had been residing. Welsh has a number of convictions ranging from Sodomy I, Sex Abuse I, to Displaying Child Sexual Conduct. These convictions classify Welsh as a Predatory Sex Offender by the State of Oregon. The warrant is a State of Oregon Parole Violation out of Astoria and Clatsop County and is the result of information that Welsh had fled the country.

Information was gathered by the Oregon State Police (OSP) in conjunction with Clatsop County authorities and the case was referred to the OFTF and the full-time OSP trooper assigned to the OFTF who then officially joined the chase. OFTF investigators determined that Welsh had traveled to the country of Belize and was currently residing there. U.S. Marshals and Belize Authorities were able to quickly locate and arrest Welsh while he gambled at a local casino. When Welsh became wanted, he gambled with his freedom and lost. Potential new charges are being investigated by state and federal authorities

Welsh is being expelled from the Central American country to Houston, Texas where he will face state extradition proceedings likely bringing him back to Oregon to face the justice system.

The U.S. Marshals Oregon Fugitive Task Force is comprised of investigators from the U.S. Marshals Service, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Portland Police Bureau, Oregon State Police, Multnomah County Probation & Parole, Clackamas County Probation & Parole, and the Oregon National Guard. For more information you can go to www.usmarshals.gov .